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Applicant(s): Billing-Medel *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/049,696

Filed: March 27, 1998

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FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE  
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Case No.: 6067.US.P1

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Billing-Medel *et al.* for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, the specification of which was filed on March 27, 1998 and received Serial No. 09/049,696.

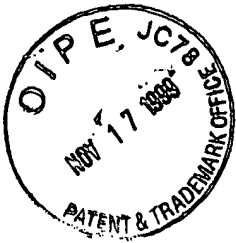
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement contained  
in the Office Action of October 13, 1999, Applicants  
respectfully elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-6, 11, 15, 17  
and 18), with traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the  
above, she is respectfully requested to contact the  
undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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